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Reply to Office Action of May 31, 2006

PATENT**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006. Claims 1-69 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-10, 13-15, 17-18, 21-25, 28-29, 31, 34-42, 44-49, 51-59, 61-66, and 68-69; and cancels claim 12; leaving pending in the application claims 1-11 and 13-69. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under §101

Claims 1-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, these claims are rejected as setting forth non-functional language such as an "electronic representation." Claims 34 and 44 are directed to "a computer program product stored on a computer-readable medium." Claims 51 and 61 recite a data processing system including a processor and memory including computer code. Claims 68 and 69 also recite various systems. It is respectfully submitted that these claims, and the claims that depend therefrom, cannot properly be rejected as containing "abstract ideas" that are "not tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium or hardware" as set forth in the Office Action (OA p. 2). Further, claims 1 and 21 as amended recite a method in a computer system for creating a composite electronic representation and storing that electronic representation for access by a user of the computer system. These claims, and the claims that depend therefrom, all should constitute statutory subject matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 1-69 be withdrawn.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9, 29, 39, 49, 56, and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as lacking sufficient antecedent basis for the term "created composite electronic document." These claims as amended no longer contain the term that was rejected, and should have sufficient antecedent basis for each term recited therein. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 9, 29, 39, 49, 56, and 66 be withdrawn.

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III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Irons* (US Pub. 2002/0111960). Applicants respectfully submit that *Irons* does not teach or suggest each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 1 as amended recites a method in a computer system for creating a composite electronic representation including presented information, comprising:

- receiving an electronic representation of a document, the document including presentation material;
- extracting a feature from the electronic representation of the document, the feature corresponding to at least a portion of the presentation material;
- comparing the feature to recorded information to determine information in the recorded information corresponding to the feature, the recorded information including information recorded during a presentation of the presentation material, whereby at least a portion of the recorded information corresponds to a feature portion of the presentation material;
- determining additional information relating to the information in the recorded information corresponding to the feature extracted from the electronic representation;
- creating a composite electronic representation of the document further including the determined additional information; and
- storing the composite electronic representation for access by a user of the computer system

(*emphasis added*). Such limitations are neither taught nor suggested by *Irons*.

Irons teaches a system for managing paper documents and digital images of those documents using a global identifier (paragraph [0037]). The use of a single global identifier for a document allows both the paper and digital copies of the document to be stored, indexed, and retrieved (paragraph [0039]). This is different from what is being recited in Applicants' claims.

In Applicants' claim 1, for example, an electronic document is received that includes a feature corresponding to presentation material. This feature can be compared to information that was recorded during a presentation of the presentation material, such that information relating to the recorded presentation can be included in a composite electronic representation of the document.

Irons does not teach or suggest recorded information recorded during the presentation of presentation material.

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Irons does not teach or suggest extracting a feature from an electronic representation of a document, where that feature corresponds to presentation information, as *Irons* instead teaches adding and retrieving global identification information from a document.

Irons does not teach or suggest comparing a feature of a document to recorded information recorded during a presentation. *Irons* matches identifiers, but does not compare content in a document to other information from another source, such as recorded information recorded during a presentation (including such recorded information as audio or video).

Irons does not teach or suggest generating a composite representation of a document including information corresponding to presentation information, such as audio or video information. *Irons* instead teaches adding an identifier to track a document, with no other content being added. The invention of Applicants' claim 1 allows recorded presentation information, such as audio or video recorded during a presentation of the presentation information, to be added to a document, such as a printout of slides for the presentation, so that a user viewing the composite representation wants access to information other than what is contained in the document, such as a description from the presentation regarding one of the slides, the user can access the additional information from the composite representation (such as by clicking on an icon to open a video file from the presentation). *Irons* provides no such functionality.

For at least these reasons, *Irons* cannot render obvious Applicants' claim 1, or the claims that depend therefrom. The other independent claims recite limitations that similarly are not taught or suggested by *Irons*, such that these claims and the claims that depend therefrom cannot be rendered obvious by *Irons*. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 1-69 be withdrawn.

IV. Amendment to the Claims

Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

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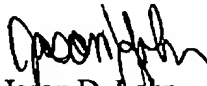
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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